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DEAN'S MESSAGE

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with the NSU Board of Trustees to present an overview of the College of Osteopathic Medicine's myriad accomplishments. The enthusiastic reception our program received from the board was heartening, for it validated all the efforts our administrators, students, alumni, staff, and faculty have put forth to make the College of Osteopathic Medicine the unquestionable success it is today.

While we remain committed to emphasizing the primary care disciplines of family medicine, general pediatrics, and general internal medicine, the college has successfully diversified into exciting new areas such as clinical and primary care research, preventive medicine, geriatrics, orthopedics, and other disciplines. Much of the information contained in the presentation I made to the Board of Trustees has been published in past issues of *COM Outlook*. However, there are numerous other statistics that truly illustrate the depth of our curriculum and faculty at the College of Osteopathic Medicine, the diversity of our students, and our growing reputation in academic medicine.

For example, did you know that NSU-COM received approximately 3,000 student applications for the 2001-02 academic year or that 37.1 percent of our student body comprises women? Were you aware that 39.3 percent of our M-1 students are from out-of-state or that we offer our M-3 and M-4 students an opportunity to conduct their core rotations at over 100 clinical sites statewide? Following are other statistics of note:

- 35 percent of student body is ethnically diverse.
- 686 students currently are matriculating at NSU-COM.
- NSU-COM comprises 65 full-time faculty and 615 adjunct faculty members.
- 10 to 1 is the full-time student-to-faculty ratio.
- NSU-COM ranks 4th out of 19 private and public osteopathic colleges in underrepresented ethnic minorities (12.9 percent).
- In-state tuition is lowest of all private osteopathic medical schools.
- New records were set regarding the percentage of in-state and out-of-state applicants accepting invitations to matriculate at NSU-COM.

- Applicant diversity is reflected in 2001-02 acceptances, which include 23 Hispanics, 16 Asian/Pacific Islanders, 19 Indians/Pakistanis, 13 African-Americans, and 1 American Indian.

In addition, I'm proud that our affiliation with outside organizations continues to provide additional educational opportunities for our students. Our recent partnership with the West Palm Beach Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), which is the first major venture of its kind between an osteopathic medical school and a veterans affairs medical center, is especially noteworthy. Earlier this summer, 15 osteopathic medical students began clinical clerkships in primary care, geriatrics, and psychiatry at the VAMC. This symbiotic partnership also will allow the granting of NSU-COM faculty appointments to VAMC medical staff involved in the education and training of students and/or residents or in research jointly conducted by both institutions.



Similarly, this past May, a 10-year teaching affiliation agreement was signed between the North Broward Hospital District and the Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division. A significant component of this agreement is to establish sufficient osteopathic residencies and training programs in order to request status as a statutory teaching hospital. This will provide another exciting opportunity to provide even better care for all Broward citizens and greater educational opportunities for our students and residents.

I personally want to thank all our affiliates, full and part-time faculty, alumni, and staff for their dedication and support which is making NSU-COM a leader in quality osteopathic medical education and clinical care.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Pharm.D.
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International Missions Discussed at Family Medicine Conference



Earle Hayes and Dr. Bentley display their handiwork at the Family Medicine Conference.

Last spring, Camille Bentley, D.O., assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, and M-3 student Earle Hayes traveled to the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine 34th Annual

Spring Conference, where they coordinated a poster presentation on their medical mission to Guatemala experiences. The symposium, which was held April 28-May 2 in Denver, Colorado, also afforded the duo an opportunity to discuss the intricacies involved in taking pre-clinical students on a comprehensive international medical mission. The poster presentation, entitled "A Cultural and Medical Learning Experience," featured a comprehensive overview of all mission phases. The twosome is currently working on another presentation entitled "Medical Mission: An Opportunity to Influence the Development of Future Physicians."

The College of Osteopathic Medicine recently received approval from the Executive Committee of the Council on Postdoctoral Training (ECCOPT) to establish an orthopedic surgery residency training program with four positions at Parkway Regional Medical Center in North Miami Beach.



Dr. Michael Patterson (left) served as a congenial host to Dr. Christian Hogrefe during the German physician's visit to NSU-COM.

On May 24, Christian Hogrefe, M.D., who practices in Bad Rippoldsau, Germany, and serves as vice chair of the German association of physicians who have had extensive osteopathic training, visited NSU-COM to learn more about an

American osteopathic institution and witness how American osteopathic students are trained. Michael M. Patterson, Ph.D., assistant chair of the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice, graciously hosted Dr. Hogrefe during his visit.

NSU-COM's Sigma Sigma Phi Xi Chapter recently earned additional recognition for its acclaimed DOctor's Bag Program when it received a \$3,341 grant from the New Jersey-based Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which is dedicated to fostering humanism in medicine. The DOctor's Bag Program was designed to alleviate the fears of medically underserved Broward County children as they relate to seeking health care and create a better understanding of pediatric medical equipment. Approximately 20 NSU-COM students participate in the program, which has garnered national attention for its innovative methods of making the health care experience less traumatic for inner-city youths. Arnold Gold, M.D., is professor emeritus of neurology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and founder of the White Coat Ceremony.

According to recent statistics, Nova Southeastern University has emerged as a nationwide leader in the area of awarded doctorates.

- No. 1 in doctorates awarded among all Florida schools
- No. 1 in doctorates awarded in education in the United States
- No. 1 in doctorates awarded to African Americans nationwide
- No. 2 in doctorates awarded in professional and other fields nationwide
- No. 2 in doctorates awarded in psychology in the United States
- No. 9 in doctorates awarded in all fields nationwide
- No. 13 in doctorates awarded in math and computer sciences nationwide
- No. 14 in doctorates awarded to American Indians in the United States
- No. 18 in doctorates awarded to Hispanics nationwide

NEWS BRIEFS

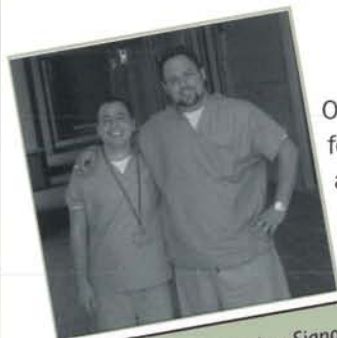
Health Fair Benefits South Florida Community

On April 29, the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) joined forces with NSU-COM to coordinate a comprehensive six-hour health fair at the Health Professions Division complex. The event's primary purpose was to provide the community with free medical screenings and invaluable knowledge regarding a range of health-related issues.

Thanks to the efforts of M-3 student Christopher Siano, who rallied on-site support and assistance from the other HPD colleges, the health fair proved to be a resounding success. An array of information booths and screening stations were set up to handle the flow of visitors, who were able to receive blood

pressure and diabetes screenings and take advantage of free vision and dental exams. Information areas, which were manned by students and licensed/registered health professionals, included osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, occupational/physical therapy, optometry, dental, public health, pediatrics, and geriatrics.

The importance of coordinating community health fairs was underscored when a 45-year-old Hispanic man requested a routine blood pressure and diabetes screening. During the course of the examination, which included a discussion of the gentleman's medical history, it was discovered that the patient had been experiencing prolonged chest pressure and shortness of breath over the past 24 hours. At that time, a physician assistant prudently called 911 and requested EMS assistance. Upon further examination, the patient was transported to a local hospital for further observation.



M-3 student Christopher Siano (left), pictured with fellow M-3 student Troy Sterk, played a pivotal role in coordinating all facets of the health fair.



A diverse mix of South Floridians took advantage of the services provided at the FOMA-sponsored health fair.



Vital information was disseminated at the various stations interspersed throughout the HPD complex.

Psi Sigma Alpha Honors Academic Excellence

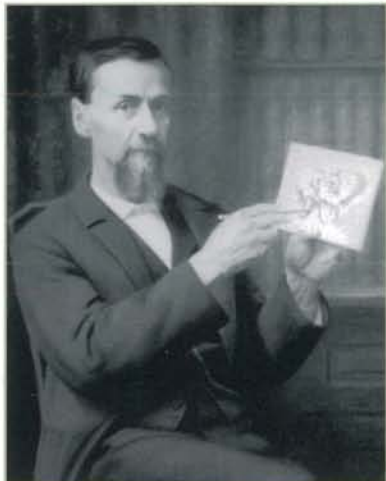
During Senior Week festivities, 31 students from the class of 2001 were elected to the Theta Chapter of the Psi Sigma Alpha National Osteopathic Scholastic Honor Society. Membership is based on laudable traits such as academic achievement (placing in the top 15 percent of their class), high moral character, and integrity. Following are the individuals who earned entry into the Psi Sigma Alpha Honor Society:

Michael Bilenker	Matthew Hesh	Ginger Pole
Yvette Bushey	James Hsiao	Rohan Rengen
Susanna Chyu	Dexter Jain	Laurie Schedgick
Beth Evans	Jeff Johnson	Harold Sloas
Francisco Fernandez	Yasmin Kazi	Matthew Smith
Chava Frankl	Jared Lechtenstein	Tina Varkey
Ana Gonzalez	Jill Lezaic	Greg Whitaker
Yuly Gorodisky	Michael Ligotti	Jonathan Wilson
Mark Gwynne	Karen Mahood	Jason Zell
Eric Handler	John Minni	
Faye Hant	Frank Paiano	



The 2001 NSU-COM Psi Sigma Alpha members concluded their induction ceremony by posing for a commemorative photo.

NSU-COM Makes its Presence Known at D.O. Day



Andrew Taylor Still, D.O.
The "Father of Osteopathic Medicine"

NSU-COM was well represented at D.O. Day, a biannual event that educates members of Congress about the merits of osteopathic medicine and strives to influence the body's policymaking decisions. The occasion also draws vital attention to the contributions of the country's approximately 47,000 osteopathic physicians, many of who attended the April 26 gathering. This year,

more than 500 members of the osteopathic profession—including physicians and medical students from 40 states—converged on Capitol Hill to share their views with Congress.

NSU-COM representatives in attendance were:

- Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Pharm.D.
- Ronnie Martin, D.O.
- Christa Ambrose
- Antony Chen
- Gregory Gulick
- Kasey Nelson
- James Treadwell

NSU FAST FACTS

Over 68,000 alumni residing in 50 states
and 53 countries
\$800 million generated for Florida's economy
\$260 million operating budget
2,600 full-time employees
Approximately 4,500 degrees conferred annually
3rd largest employer in Broward County
Sites located in 23 states and 12 countries

Treadwell Awarded Osteopathic Health Policy Internship

M-3 student James Treadwell, who served as vice president of the NSU-COM Student Government Association during the 2000-01 academic year, was one of two worthy osteopathic students nationwide to be accepted into the inaugural Osteopathic Health Policy Intern (OHPI) Program. Treadwell was awarded the internship at National D.O. Day festivities held April 26 in Washington, D.C.



M-3 student
James Treadwell

The OHPI Program is a joint venture between the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) that was established to enable two osteopathic medical students (one male, one female) to spend two months in the government relations departments of the AOA and AACOM. The program's objective is to encourage interest and involvement in health policymaking at the federal level by members of the osteopathic medical community.

In addition to spending one month in each of the two government relations departments, Treadwell will be allotted time to spend on Capitol Hill, at federal health agencies, and in research. He also will receive a \$3,500 stipend and be provided additional funds for local travel and other miscellaneous expenses.



Janet Vargas, M.S.

In July, Janet Vargas, who has served as coordinator for the Department of Family Medicine since November 1997, earned her M.S. degree in mental health counseling from NSU's Center for Psychological Studies.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rural Retreat Provides Education and Recreation



The success of the Rural Medicine Retreat is directly attributable to the talented individuals who coordinated all facets of the weekend gathering. They are (from l): Scott Colton, director of education communications; Johneta Goodwin, executive assistant to the dean; Robert Perraud, D.O., director, Department of Rural Medicine; Dominique Esposito, assistant to the dean; and James Howell, M.D., M.P.H., chair, Department of Rural Medicine.

On June 1-3, approximately 60 physicians and their family members attended the annual Rural Medicine Retreat at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort and Marina in Stuart, Florida. The weekend retreat serves as a way to thank the numerous statewide preceptors who take time out of their busy schedules to work with NSU-COM students during their mandatory three-month clinical rotations in rural medicine. The event allows physicians to network with their peers in a relaxed setting, earn continuing medical education credits, and participate in seminars presented by knowledgeable NSU-COM faculty.



A quartet of faculty members imparted their knowledge to the retreat attendees. Pictured (from l) are: Michael Patterson, Ph.D., professor and assistant chair, Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice; Joseph DeGaetano, D.O., assistant professor and director, clinical curriculum; Joel Spalter, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine; and Alan Morrison, D.O., assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine.

The four topics addressed were:

- How to Read a Hepatitis Profile and What to Do After You Have it
- Review of Current Pediatric Immunization
- Current Research in Chronic Pain
- Primary Care Approach to Sexually Transmitted Infections



Members of the Dean's Alumni Advisory Council met during the Rural Medicine Retreat to discuss the numerous projects and activities taking place at NSU-COM.

Clockwise (from left) are Glenn Moran, D.O.; John Presutti, D.O.; Isidro Pujol, D.O.; Gregory James, D.O.; Dean Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Pharm.D.; and Susan Yahia, D.O.

Students Benefit from AHEC POP Program

In June, the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program coordinated its annual Practice Opportunities Program (POP), which provides NSU-COM students with unique summer experiential field training in assessing primary care needs, challenges, and practice opportunities in rural communities throughout the state.

This year, five NSU-COM students worked with the AHEC staff and traveled in teams to perform survey assessments on rural and small town communities in Southwest Florida and the Panhandle. Among the towns visited were Everglades City and Immokalee (Collier County), La Belle (Hendry County), Bonita Springs, North Fort Myers, and Lehigh Acres (Lee County), Century and Walnut Hill (Escambia County), and Baker and Crestview (Okaloosa County).



Members of the AHEC POP team discuss pertinent details at a recent meeting.

To date, over 150 small town communities have been assessed by students participating in the POP Program, which was developed by AHEC over 10 years ago. NSU-COM students analyzed their findings and produced two comprehensive statewide publications, which were then shared with community leaders

throughout Florida. Of the over 40 graduates who have participated in the POP Program while at NSU-COM and who have subsequently completed their residency training, 25 percent have already gone into practice in small town communities and other rural and underserved public health settings.

While surveying small town communities in the Panhandle area, one of the student teams actually identified immediate practice opportunities in the towns of Crestview and Century, where community leaders they met with are actively seeking primary care physicians at this time. According to M-2 student Ashley Keays, who served as this year's AHEC student POP coordinator, "This summer really confirmed my desire to work in rural medicine after graduation."

FACULTY FOCUS



Rosebud Lightbourn Foster, Ed.D.

In May, Rosebud Lightbourn Foster, Ed.D., special projects consultant for NSU-COM'S Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program, received the Health Care Heroes AXA Advisors Lifetime Achievement Award from the Health Industry Group of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce at a ceremony held at the Wyndham Miami-Biscayne Bay Hotel. The award recognized Dr. Foster for serving as an inspiration to others in her efforts to improve health care and discover new ways to assist those in need.

Jeffrey Weisberg, D.O., has been named chair of the Division of Hematology/Oncology, which is a component of the Department of Internal Medicine. Over the past eight years, Dr. Weisberg has enhanced the education of NSU-COM students by presenting lectures and contributing to the college's curriculum.



Edward Packer, D.O.

Edward Packer, D.O., chair of the Department of Pediatrics, was one of the experts quoted in a recent Miami Herald article entitled "Pediatricians Are Urged to Ask Teens about Rape."

In June, Charlotte Paolini, D.O., chair of the Division of Geriatrics, was honored for her volunteer contributions to the Urban Mercy Clinics by the Miami-Dade County Health Department at its annual Volunteer Recognition Reception, held at Baptist Hospital in Kendall, Florida. Dr. Paolini was recognized for her "outstanding support and assistance in meeting the health needs of the residents of Miami-Dade County."



Charlotte Paolini, D.O.



Dr. Scott-Holman, Dr. Anderson-Worts, Mr. Daly, and Dr. Powell-Cole.

On May 16, coordinators of Medical Mission 2001 to Jamaica hosted a luncheon at the Signature Grand in Davie to raise funds for the humanitarian expedition, which took place June 14-21. The luncheon served a vital purpose because the monies raised helped defray the substantial costs associated with planning and implementing the medical mission. The coordinators of Medical Mission 2001 to Jamaica were:

- Sandi Scott-Holman, D.O., associate medical director, NSU Sanford L. Ziff Health Care Center

- Paula Anderson-Worts, D.O., assistant professor, Department of Family Medicine
- Donald Daly, liaison with the Jamaican Consulate
- Michelle Powell-Cole, assistant professor, NSU North Miami Beach Health Center



Alan Morrison, D.O.

Alan Morrison, D.O., assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, recently received the Community Speaker of the Year Award for outstanding public service from the American College of Physicians - American Society of Internal Medicine. Dr. Morrison, who maintains a busy public speaking schedule, also was a featured presenter at two June CME activities. During the NSU-COM Rural Medicine Retreat, held at the Hutchinson Island Marriott in Stuart, Florida, Dr. Morrison discussed the "Primary Care Approach to Sexually Transmitted Infections." He also participated in the NSU-COM Palm Beach Academic Center Faculty Development Program, held at the Four Seasons Resort in Palm Beach, Florida, where he imparted information on "Effective Lectures and Case Presentations."

Stanley Cohen, Ed.D., vice provost of the Health Professions Division and chair of the Division of Medical Humanities, was appointed to the Bioethics Committee of the Florida Department of Corrections, which meets quarterly in Tallahassee. The committee's mission is to identify and analyze ethical issues and provide practical approaches to resolving those issues.



Stanley Cohen, Ed.D.



Michael Patterson, Ph.D.

In early June, Michael Patterson, Ph.D., professor and assistant chair in the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice, was a featured presenter at the annual NSU-COM Rural Medicine Retreat, where he discussed nervous system changes associated with chronic pain and alterations in emotions, thought processes, and spiritual aspects of living. On June 13-17, Dr. Patterson also served as president of the International Thesis Jury at the Canadian School of Osteopathy in Montreal, where he heard and judged the research theses of 26 senior students. He also presented seminars on chronic pain and on the involvement of tensegrity in health and disease. In recognition of his contributions to college's program, the administrators of the Canadian School of Osteopathy bestowed an honorary degree upon Dr. Patterson.

FACULTY FOCUS

Elisa Ginter, D.O., assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, was profiled in the spring edition of the Student Doctor Magazine, the official publication of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association. Dr. Ginter was featured in the article entitled "Osteopathic Women of Our Profession: Past, Present and Future."

On June 25, Robert B. Contrucci, D.O., clinical assistant professor and chair of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, was invited by WLRN 91.3 FM in Miami to appear on a one-hour radio program to share his knowledge concerning allergies and other related topics.

Drs. Ginter, Spalter Win Faculty Scholarship Award



Elisa Ginter, D.O.

In June, Elisa Ginter, D.O., assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine, and Joel Spalter, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, were worthy recipients of the President's Faculty Scholarship Award.

The accolade, which is presented by the NSU Board of Trustees to support the development of faculty research projects, is accompanied by a \$5,000 allocation from the President's Faculty Scholarship Fund and matched by the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The collaboration, entitled "The Screening of Medical Students for Serologic Markers of Prior Infection by Hepatitis B Virus in Conjunction with the Administration of Hepatitis B Vaccine," was highly rated by the reviewing committee, which had to evaluate 28 submissions comprising 51 faculty members from 10 NSU academic units. Drs. Ginter and Spalter will use the financial award to compare the cost and

value of prescreening for hepatitis B infectivity or exposure with a blood test versus uniformly giving the three-shot series to all incoming NSU-COM students.



Joel Spalter, M.D.

Because hepatitis B kills more people each year than AIDS, Dr. Ginter said prescreening will help identify those who are infected with the virus—and get them started on a lifesaving treatment regimen.

"We believe that the medical students at NSU represent a more diverse population of patients than that of the United States, and that the estimate of prevalence of prior hepatitis B infection is probably higher than in the general population," Dr. Ginter stated. "We will be able to generate a cost/benefit analysis for this population of patients. This information may be applied to future populations of patients as U.S. demographics continue to change."

Clinical Research Thrives at NSU-COM



Rita Silverman, M.P.S.

Over the past two years, the Division of Clinical Research has participated in a number of vital research studies that are paving the way for lifesaving medical advances. Following is a summary of the clinical research trials that have been or are currently being conducted at the College of Osteopathic Medicine by division director Rita Silverman, M.P.S., in conjunction with various NSU-COM faculty members.

- BELLES/Lipid Study (Pfizer)
- DUET/Lipid Study (Pfizer)
- FemHRT/Hormone Replacement Study (Pfizer)
- Starlix/Diabetes (Novartis)
- SMART/Asthma (Glaxo)
- OCTAVE/Hypertension (Bristol-Myers Squibb)
- Contraception (Pharmacia)
- Osteoporosis (Wyeth Ayerst) - pending

AHEC Program Hosts Health Careers Camp

In June, high-school students from inner cities and rural towns across South and Central Florida got their first taste of what choosing a career as a health professional might entail when the NSU-COM Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program coordinated its annual weeklong Summer Health Careers Camp.

Steven Zucker, D.M.D., M.Ed., who serves as associate dean of community affairs and program director of the AHEC Program, greeted the 110 teen participants and lauded their desire to take part in the summer camp program. "You are going to have an experience that very few people your age will ever have," Dr. Zucker stated. "Lots of students applied to be here, but we could only accept so many."

Since its inception 12 years ago, more than 1,000 children have participated in the Summer Health Careers Camp. During the weeklong program, campers reside in residence halls on NSU's main campus and participate in daily activities that include everything from hands-on experiences and medical demonstrations to visits to area hospitals and medical facilities.

Additionally, the participants are exposed to a wide variety of medical career options, including osteopathic medicine, public health, occupational therapy, physical therapy, optometry, dentistry, and pharmacy.

What were this year's campers looking forward to most? "Seeing the cadavers," said Jeffrey Carter, 17, of Moore Haven High School in Glades County. Carter, who will be a prep senior in the fall, said the camp was just what he needed to help him decide what he might do in the future. "This is pretty interesting," he said. "You get to learn about all the different careers to figure out what you want to do. That's the reason I wanted to come to this camp. I will be starting college soon and I need to have a better understanding of what it is I really want to do."



Steven Zucker,
D.M.D., M.Ed.

Junie Orelie, 17, of Collier County, said she had two reasons for attending the camp. First, it would help her realize if she truly wanted to pursue a career as a health professional. And second, it would give her the opportunity to get a closer look at the university she hopes to attend once she earns her high-school diploma. "I want to go to NSU, and this was the perfect chance to visit," she said. "I also get to see if what I thought I wanted to be, a physician's assistant, is something that really interests me. It's definitely beneficial. You get the whole college experience—the roommate and everything."

As he concluded his introduction to the campers, Dr. Zucker stressed the importance of participating in the summer camp program. "Our goal is to improve overall health care in urban and inner-city areas," he said. "There is a shortage of health professionals in your communities and they are crying for help. There is nothing like giving of yourself to care for other people."



Michael Patterson, Ph.D., professor and assistant chair in the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice, addresses a group of high-school students during the Summer Health Careers Camp.

Myron Howell, D.O., Embodies Holistic Approach to Health Care

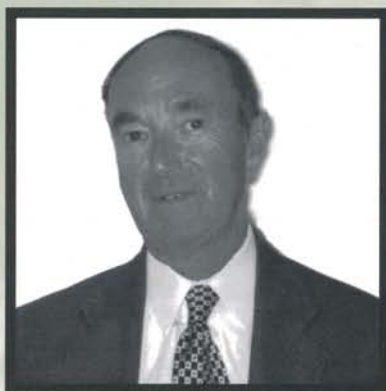
By Scott Colton
Director of Education Communications

During his four decades as an osteopathic practitioner, Myron Howell, D.O., who serves as the director of medical education and program director of the NSU-COM family medicine residency at the North Broward Hospital District, has been a staunch proponent of the holistic, family medicine approach to health care.

Like many physicians of his generation, Dr. Howell is a medical anachronism, a link to a time when doctors made house calls and treated their patients holistically—and not just as a faceless array of body parts and symptoms. Almost 40 years have passed since Dr. Howell received his D.O. degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, yet he remains steadfastly committed to imparting the holistic, family medicine-based philosophy to current and future generations of osteopathic practitioners.

"A student recently asked me why I liked family medicine so much. And I told her that family medicine is the most challenging of all the specialties that are out there," Dr. Howell explained. "I used the example that if a patient comes into your office with chest pain and you're a family physician, you know that the pain could be due to the heart, the lungs, a musculoskeletal problem, a stomach ailment, or anxiety. As a family physician, it's up to you to make the initial diagnosis. But when a person goes to see a cardiologist, more than likely that cardiologist already knows there is something wrong with the heart because another doctor has referred the patient.

"The cardiologist deals with the heart while the family physician deals with the entire body, which is the osteopathic concept," he added. "And that's what students need to realize, that in family medicine you're the best diagnostician of any profession. We try to teach them what they need to become savvy diagnosticians. That they shouldn't order every lab in the book and then attempt to make a diagnosis based on the blood-test results. We always want our students to develop their diagnostic acumen. I don't want to hear, 'Well, the patient has a headache, so I think I'll do an MRI.' We want the doctor to do a history and hands-on physical on the patient, come up with a diagnosis—and then order the tests that back up that claim."



Myron Howell, D.O.

The past 40 years have provided Dr. Howell with many treasured memories, ranging from owning his own family medicine practice to his current affiliation with the College of Osteopathic Medicine. However, most of these events would never have occurred were it not for a chance encounter with an allopathic physician named Edgar Smith in the early 1960's. "I initially had a strong interest in pharmacy, so I received a bachelor of science degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science in 1959 and began my internship at a drugstore, which was really more like an apothecary."

It was during his pharmacy internship that Dr. Howell first met Dr. Smith, who grew to become both friend and mentor to the recent graduate. "He was a person who I felt I wanted to emulate," Dr. Howell explained. "I think one of the most important things in medicine is to have a mentor, someone

you look up to and respect in all aspects, not just their medical knowledge but their way of life and the way they treat their families and patients. Dr. Smith had a practice in his house, and his kids were always around. I suddenly felt that I wanted to 'be like Dr. Smith.' Although he was an M.D., in many ways, Dr. Smith was probably as much an osteopathic physician as any that is out there today."

Dr. Howell was familiar with the tenets of osteopathic medicine due to his interaction with the local D.O.s who passed through the apothecary. So when it came time to apply to medical school, Dr. Howell set his sights on the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. "I chose one methodology over the other because I liked the osteopathic philosophy—and, as you can tell, I still believe in the holistic approach to medicine."

The next few years would prove to be enriching and enlightening ones for Dr. Howell as he earned his D.O. degree, met his wife, Donna, during his internship at a local hospital, and opened a successful family medicine practice in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. Initially, though, the transition to the wonderful world of family medicine was fraught with obstacles for the fledgling osteopathic practitioner. "In the beginning, it was very difficult because I was not residency trained," he explained. "When I completed my internship, there were really no family medicine residency programs out

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there, so you went directly from your internship into practice without much in the way of outpatient medical knowledge, which is so different from how we train physicians today."

One particular incident left an indelible imprint in Dr. Howell's memory, mainly because it illustrated just how unprepared he was to serve as a diagnostician in his early days as a physician. "Because I went into practice with very little outpatient experience, I was totally unaware of what to do when I went on a house call to take care of a sick child," he recalled. "When I got to the house, this child had a rash and a 102-degree fever. I basically had no clue as to what was wrong until the mother said to me, 'Don't you think he has measles?' So I agreed and said, 'Yeah, I think he does have measles.'"

Although the osteopathic profession has made tremendous strides over the past 30 years, it wasn't all that long ago that D.O.s like Dr. Howell were denied access to staff privileges at most allopathic hospitals—a dubious slight that prevented osteopathic physicians from further honing their clinical skills. "Unfortunately, there was a lot of animosity toward D.O.s at that time," he admitted. "We did not have hospital privileges at most of the allopathic hospitals. I had to learn on the job, and that's true of anybody who went into practice in those days. Back then, you got out of your internship and you hung up a shingle and started to practice medicine.

"It wasn't until 1970 that a local hospital let me on its staff, and that was only because I had developed a pretty large practice by that time and was referring a lot of patients there," he added. "But even then the chief of staff said, 'Myron, we'll let you on the staff, but don't see any patients in the hospital.' I agreed to that stipulation because I wanted to get my foot in the hospital. Ironically, years later, that hospital ended up buying my practice. That why it's important for our students today to learn that some of the older physicians like Dr. Morton Terry and myself really paved the way for them to do whatever they want in medicine. They can basically pick and choose whatever they want today, which certainly wasn't true in my era."

From 1964 through 1992, Dr. Howell emulated his mentor, Dr. Smith, and ran his practice out of the house he shared with Donna, who also served as nurse and office manager, and their sons Mark and Scott. In 1992, when the local hospital made a lucrative offer to buy his practice, Dr. Howell

accepted the proposal and decided to relocate to South Florida to enjoy semi-retirement with his family. Still, Dr. Howell agonized over the decision—for obvious reasons. "Leaving practice was a sad time for me because I had become very close to my patients," he explained. "In many cases, I was the only doctor many of my patients had ever known, and I had spent the past 30 years taking care of their mother, their grandmother, and their kids."

After settling in Pembroke Pines, Florida, the allure of semi-retirement quickly abated when Dr. Howell was offered the chance to serve as medical director of the newly created NSU-COM medical clinic, which was then based in North Miami Beach. "It was basically established as a student health clinic, but over the next few years we began seeing patients that came in from the community," explained Dr. Howell, who also served in the dual role as chair of the Department of Family Medicine until 1996. "The clinic was starting to develop very nicely by the time we left to come to the new Health Professions Division facility at the Nova Southeastern University campus."



Medicine is indeed a family affair for the Howell family. Pictured are Dr. Howell with wife Donna and their D.O. sons Scott and Mark.

In 1996, Dr. Howell took on an ever larger administrative duty when he was tapped to become director of medical education and program director of the NSU-COM family medicine residency, which is run through the North Broward Hospital District and its tertiary care hospital—the Broward General Medical Center. In his current role, Dr. Howell oversees the interns and all 108 third and fourth-year NSU-COM medical students as well as the 36 residents the college has participating in the family medicine residency program.

"Most of my tasks are administrative in nature, but I try to keep up my clinical skills by going to a clinic at least half a day a week," he said. "We currently run a clinic at Calder Race Course, and I always take one of the residents with me when I visit. My main task, however, is to ensure that the level of education is on par with what I think should be done. My goal is to make it a medical center of excellence for teaching. And I think we're reaching that goal. We've established a good reputation throughout the country in regard to residency programs. And I'm pretty proud of that."

Thanks to a new 10-year deal with the North Broward Hospital District that paves the way for even greater hands-on clinical opportunities for NSU-COM students and residents (see story on page 13 for additional details), the osteopathic

medicine/hospital district collaboration seems certain to reach new heights of achievement. "When this partnership initiated in 1993, the district started with 10 students and 3 residents," Dr. Howell stated. "And we've built up



Dr. Howell also is the proud grandfather of Dart and Sterling, who are the offspring of son Scott and his wife Lisa.

since that time to 108 students doing rotations there and 36 residents, plus a dermatology residency with 6 participants. Most students rotate at Broward General, which is a level-one trauma center that offers all the subspecialties you can name as well as a family medicine residency service. However, the students have the option of rotating at the district's three other area hospitals—Coral Springs Medical Center, North Broward Medical Center, and Imperial Point Medical Center."



Mark Howell, D.O., with his significant other, Tracy.

While it's clear Dr. Howell has played a key role in promoting the merits of osteopathic medicine and boosting its acceptance among his allopathic peers, his most lasting legacy lives on in sons Mark and Scott, who followed in their father's footsteps and became osteopathic physicians. "When my kids were young, I always took them with me to see patients on house calls, so they were exposed to the nicer side of medicine," he explained. "I love osteopathic medicine, and if I had to do it all over again, there's no question in my mind that I would. That's why our kids went into the profession, because they saw our lifestyle and the positive differences we made in people's lives."

NSU Signs Historic Agreement with Hospital District

In May, NSU's Health Professions Division and the North Broward Hospital District signed a landmark 10-year agreement that will provide additional clinical opportunities for NSU-COM students at the district's four Broward County-based hospitals. The agreement also lays the groundwork for the creation of a full-fledged local teaching hospital program for NSU-COM students and physicians throughout the tri-county area.

"This new agreement basically reconfirms the original agreement we signed with the district in 1993 and expands on it for future programs in association with NSU's Health Professions Division," explained Myron Howell, D.O., director of medical education and program director of the NSU-COM family medicine residency at the North Broward Hospital District. "The number of students who rotate through the district's four hospitals will increase. The agreement will also allow us to expand into other residency programs as well as into other areas of specialty training."

Although NSU-COM students have rotated through the district's hospitals for nearly a decade, the new agreement represents the first time that NSU-HPD and the district have agreed to draw up a strategic plan and form a joint academic affairs committee to plan for the future. Additionally, this new alliance paves the way for the Health Professions Division to delve even deeper into clinical, applied, and laboratory research.

In an interview with *The Herald*, NSU-HPD Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Fred Lippman, B.Sc., R.Ph., expressed his views on the milestone hospital district affiliation. "This says to the community at large that we are going to move forward and create a major teaching center. It's a step beyond just providing excellent care. It's a step that allows for cutting edge technology and cutting edge research."

Currently, more than 300 NSU-COM students spent some time rotating at the district's four hospitals. Additionally, 45 residents in family medicine, dermatology, and pediatric dentistry, as well as one geriatric fellow, hone their osteopathic skills through the hospital district system. Down the road, the district could support additional NSU-COM residency programs in areas such as emergency medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, and surgery.

If the district increases the number of residents it hosts to 100 and boosts its number of residency programs to seven from its current list of four, its hospitals would earn prestigious state designation as statutory teaching hospitals. Currently, only six Florida hospitals have earned this designation, including Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

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(For additional NSU-COM related information regarding the following events, please call (954) 262-1029 or e-mail immacula@nova.edu.)

The FOMA 2001 Mid-Year Seminar

September 14-16, 2001

Hyatt Regency Westshore in Tampa, Florida

An alumni reception will be held at this event. Please refer to the program for specific time and place.

106th Annual AOA Convention and Scientific Seminar

October 21-25, 2001

San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, California

An alumni reception will be held at this event. Please refer to the program for specific time and place.

Alumni Web Page: <http://medicine.nova.edu>

Join our Listserv! (listserv@list.nova.edu or nsucom_alumni@list.nova.edu).

We are encouraging all alumni to post their addresses on Listserv to build an Internet directory.

You may also access Listserv at the Alumni Web Page by clicking on the "Join Our Listserv" link.

Alumni Association Fund Honor Roll

In the spring of 1999, NSU-COM launched an alumni-based fundraising effort to generate dollars that would be used to create an endowment fund to reduce future tuition costs for NSU-COM students and produce a funding pool that would be utilized for discretionary purposes as determined by the Alumni Association Executive Committee. If you would like to learn more about the Alumni Association Fund, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (954) 262-1029.

Following are the altruistic individuals who have contributed to NSU-COM's Alumni Association Fund since its inception:

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Alumni Spotlight

Tamer Gozleveli, D.O. – Class of 1987

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Tamer Gozleveli, D.O.

Each year, a perpetual wave of humanity migrates to the United States from foreign lands for a chance to live the so-called "American Dream." For most immigrants, America represents the land of opportunity, a place where the grandest ambition can be realized if a person wants it badly enough and is willing to diligently pursue a definitive goal.

That intrepid spirit certainly helps explain how Tamer Gozleveli, D.O., a class of 1987 alumnus and a past president of the NSU-COM Alumni Association, was able to launch a successful career as an osteopathic physician after emigrating from Turkey. "I have the greatest respect for Dr. Gozleveli because he was able to come over to this country from Turkey after he graduated from high school, learn the language, and become a respected and successful physician," said Howard Neer, D.O., professor and associate dean of the Office of Alumni Affairs. "He epitomizes what the American Dream is all about."

Dr. Gozleveli's path to becoming an osteopathic practitioner involved a series of carefully planned steps. After arriving in the United States, he enlisted in the navy and was sent to the Naval Hospital Corps in Great Lakes, Illinois, for training as a medical staff corpsmen. He then served as a laboratory technician at the Naval Medical Center in Oakland, California. When his naval stint concluded, Dr. Gozleveli attended the University of West Florida, where he earned a bachelor of science in pre-med, graduating with honors. He also worked as a medical technician at Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville in 1982-83 and at North Ridge Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale in 1983.

Medicine, however, was not the overriding thought in Dr. Gozleveli's mind when he met his future wife, Farideh Daziriyani-Sani, who is a member of the senior staff of industrial and systems engineering at the Motorola Corporation. The couple married in 1978 and have two sons, Aydin, 16, and Ramin, 13.

Dr. Gozleveli's medical odyssey eventually led him to Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. After earning his D.O. degree in 1987, he completed his internship at Humana Hospital of the Palm Beaches and fulfilled his family practice residency training within the NSU-COM clinical system. Dr. Gozleveli, who is certified by the American Board of Osteopathic Family Practitioners and is a diplomat of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, has spent the past decade running a family medicine practice in Pembroke Pines, Florida.

Since graduating from NSU-COM, Dr. Gozleveli has maintained an active association with his alma mater, serving as president of the Alumni Association, designing its first Web site, and serving as Webmaster. He also has devoted a great deal of time to working with NSU-COM students during their Interdisciplinary Generalist Curriculum rotations.

"Dr. Gozleveli is a very personable individual who likes what he does and has a strong loyalty and appreciation of the osteopathic profession," Neer said. "His expertise in informatics and computers has served him very well in terms of being successful as a solo practitioner in this era of managed care. Dr. Gozleveli has given generously of himself to the profession and serves as a true model to the next generation of osteopathic physicians."

Student Organization of the Month

Jewish Association of Medical Students (JAMS)



Joanna Greenblatt

Throughout history, most notable leaders have possessed several innate qualities that foreshadowed their future greatness, such as a desire to make a difference in society—and a plan of action to make their dreams a reality. So when M-3 student Joanna Greenblatt became aware there

was no club in existence that addressed the needs of the college's Jewish students, she formulated a strategy to create just such an organization.

"When I came to school here in 1999, I asked the student government president at the time how to go about creating an organization and if there had been anything set up for Jewish students in the past," Greenblatt explained. "He told me to get in touch with Dr. Lori Dribin from the College of Medical Sciences because she was the one person who always reached out to the Jewish students. She had planned several Shabbat dinners, and whenever she did, she always got a really positive response and would have approximately 70 students come and have dinner with her. But none of the students had ever actually organized an official group."

With the help of a handful of other first-year students who shared Greenblatt's vision, the Jewish Association of Medical Students (JAMS) was established in 1999. The organization, which receives financial support from the Student Government Association and Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach, is a thriving enterprise that counts 40 NSU-COM students among its membership as well as undergraduates throughout the university and the Health Professions Division.

"Our goal is to bring together students from the different colleges," said Greenblatt, who served as JAMS president during her first two years of medical school. "We provide social, religious, and networking opportunities and are also committed to community service. We're basically like any other club. Our biggest event is a mixer we coordinated three times in the past year called Medical Malpractice that we cosponsored with the Jewish Law Students Association. Over 200 people attended and we made it into a fundraiser for JAFCO, the Jewish Adoption Foster Care Options program which helps take care of children who are abused and neglected and need new homes."

In addition to the Medical Malpractice events, JAMS organizes a host of educational and entertaining activities, including insightful lecture series and group trips to see local Broadway shows at discount rates. "We coordinated a kosher lunch lecture series with the Public Health Student Association that proved to be very successful," she explained. "We brought in the director for public health in Israel, and he did a wonderful presentation about how they handled taking care of the Palestinian population and how they dealt with absorption of the Ethiopian refugees."

Students who become affiliated with JAMS also gain access to Hillel International, which has become renowned for providing students a place to go for Passover services and other religious holidays when they are away from home. The success of the college's JAMS chapter will soon produce a hefty dividend when Hillel's Foundation for Jewish Campus Life will fund the construction of a Jewish student center on the NSU campus—thanks to the generosity of a private donor.

"Directors from the Florida Hillel Council and the Washington office came down to have a meeting with HPD students to find out what we would want at our dream student center," said Greenblatt, who has been accepted into the NSU-COM Undergraduate Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Fellowship Program.



Pictured at 2001 Israel Independence Day festivities are (from l): Shane Gober; Lisa Soifer; Gershon Fink, Dr. Lori Dribin; Adam Berliner; and Howard Slomko.

The Jewish student center, which has a spring 2003 completion target date, will feature a kosher kitchen, Internet café, study areas, and facilities to conduct religious services. The center and its many amenities will be available to all Jewish students matriculating at NSU. The goal is to hire full-time staff who will serve as information sources about enriching opportunities such as the free trip to Israel program and other vital services.

During its first two years of existence, JAMS was led by Joanna Greenblatt (president), Shane Gober (vice president), Allison Kaplan (secretary), Pam Berkman (recording secretary), and Alan Haspel (treasurer).

NSU-COM JAMS 2001-2002 Chapter Officers

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 HPD Liaison - Maz Ebrahimi (M-1 dental student)

Graduation 2001 Spotlight

The Future is Bright for Beth Evans, D.O.

By Scott Colton
Director of Education Communications



Dan Chehebar, D.O., and
Beth Evans, D.O.

On an August evening in 1997, Beth Evans D.O., attended NSU-COM's Osteoblast, an annual picnic for M-1 students who are just about to begin their four-year educational experience at the College of Osteopathic Medicine. The event, which serves as a fun way for M-1 students to meet their peers in a casual setting, proved to be the perfect tonic for the future Dr.

Evans, who was experiencing a serious bout of the jitters.

A week later, Dr. Evans decided to coordinate an impromptu party at her house for a small group of classmates—a decision she would come to cherish, for it was there where she met fellow student and future husband, Dan Chehebar, D.O. Although passing exams—not meeting a mate—was her primary focus when she embarked on her NSU-COM career, in hindsight, Dr. Evans admits it was the best thing that could have happened. “Everybody is intimidated and nervous at the start of medical school,” she explained. “You’re so receptive to meeting people because there is no way you can do this alone. You cannot go through medical school without meeting people and relying on each other for encouragement and support.

“Meeting Dan was a blessing, but I had actually met him at the picnic the week before. He remembers meeting me, but I don’t remember meeting him there,” laughed Dr. Evans, who tied the knot with her osteopathic soul mate the week following graduation. “It’s wonderful to find someone you can work with so well. We were two people relating on the same level. When I was stressed, he was stressed; when I had free time, he had free time. It helped so much. It was so smooth and so easy, and being with him made the whole medical school experience so much easier. The only thing is we didn’t make that many friends because we spent so much time together.”

While her future in the medical field seems limitless now that she has graduated with honors, Dr. Evans would be the first

to admit her road to osteopathic success was indeed a circuitous one. Unlike many medical students, who possess a passion for health care from an early age, Dr. Evans equivocated about her career path even while she attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, where she eventually earned a bachelor of science in zoology. “During my first year of college I decided I wanted to be an environmentalist, so I pursued that for awhile,” explained Dr. Evans, who grew up in Coral Springs, Florida. “It wasn’t until my second year that I knew I wanted to be a physician.”

During her senior year at the University of Florida, Dr. Evans began volunteering at the Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN) Clinic to see if her passion for medicine was as intense as the commitment level she knew she would have to exhibit as a medical student and future practitioner. “I knew it was such a big commitment, and I thought I loved it, but I wanted to be certain and immerse myself in it,” she explained. “That’s why I didn’t go to medical school right away. When I graduated, the ACORN Clinic offered me a job as a medical assistant, which I accepted. I worked there four days a week, then also worked two days a week in surgical intensive care as a unit secretary at a local hospital.”

After spending three years working in the medical field, Dr. Evans realized she did indeed possess the requisite desire to become a physician. “That’s when I started applying to medical schools, because I knew I absolutely loved medicine,” she said. “I only looked at the four medical schools in Florida because, financially, I knew I couldn’t afford to go out of state.”

However, she admits to being stymied when she first looked into applying to NSU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine. “I had never heard of a D.O., so I wrote to the American Osteopathic Association and did a lot of investigating about what a D.O. was. I was very concerned that there would be a lot of prejudice if you went into the osteopathic field because I had certainly never heard of a D.O. before and most people I asked had never heard of one either.

“I didn’t want to go down a path where my becoming a physician would be met with resistance,” she added. “So I talked to a lot of people, including many of the M.D.s I worked with at ACORN Clinic. And for the most part I heard only positive things about the osteopathic profession. My

coworkers advised me that there were several osteopathic schools they were wary of, but that NSU-COM was highly regarded and they had worked with NSU-COM faculty before. So I felt pretty comfortable applying here because I loved the philosophy NSU-COM stressed."

Although she knew she possessed the fundamental ability to become a physician, Dr. Evans feared she would never get the chance to matriculate at the College of Osteopathic Medicine. "When I was doing my undergraduate work, I also worked four nights a week as a bartender, so I didn't have the highest grades or the best MCAT scores because I had to divide my time. Thankfully, NSU-COM looked at my overall experience and was willing to take a chance on me."

Still, she admits to being "very intimidated" when she initially stepped foot on campus for that nausea inducing first day of class. "I really thought I was going to struggle to keep my head above water," she recalled. "I had no idea what to expect because none of my family or friends had ever gone to medical school. I was so nervous and excited on the first day of class. I remember when I got the



During the ACOFP convention in Las Vegas, a visit to a casino was a must-see for Drs. Chehebar and Evans (left) and fellow class of 2001 members Daane Logsdon, D.O., and Jennifer Berger, D.O.

letter of acceptance, I cried because I was so happy that someone had given me a chance. It actually seemed like I was living a dream. That first week of class, I kept waiting for someone to say, 'Beth, what are you doing here? You weren't on our list of acceptances.'"

To her surprise, not only did she survive the medical school experience—she thrived. A blossoming romance, coupled with honors-level grades, bolstered her confidence and compelled her to become active in a range of student societies, including the Pediatrics Club, the Student Osteopathic Medical Association, the Yearbook Committee, and the American Medical Student Association. Dr. Evans also served on the board of the Florida Society of the American College of Family Physicians (ACOFP) and as president of the college's ACOFP chapter. In addition, she acted as president of NSU-COM's Sigma Sigma Phi Xi Chapter when it was reestablished in 1999.

"I always had a strong work ethic, so balancing everything was not a problem at all," she explained. "When I was doing my undergraduate work, I worked four nights a week as a bartender. And then after I graduated, I worked at the

ACORN Clinic four days a week and the hospital two days. In fact, I basically worked all the time. When I came to the College of Osteopathic Medicine, all I did was attend school. So as far as time-wise, during my first year of medical school, I felt I had more free time than I had ever had since I started college because I had always worked and gone to school—and tried to fit studying in the middle. I felt like I finally only had one thing to do, which was focus on medical school."

Dr. Evans' engaging attitude and infectious enthusiasm for the practice of osteopathic medicine were recognized at the Senior Awards Dinner Dance in May, where she received two prestigious honors:

- The *Rose Community Service Award*, which is presented to a student who demonstrates sincere interest in community service or community projects.
- The *Samuel J. Salman, D.O. Award in Family Medicine*, which is presented by the Florida Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians to the student whose scholarship, patient empathy, dedication, concern, and goals epitomize the osteopathic family physician, as exemplified by the late Samuel J. Salman, D.O.

Now that she has successfully navigated her way through the osteopathic educational process, Dr. Evans can look back with pride at her myriad achievements while also anticipating a future filled with boundless potential. "One thing I'm particularly proud of is that I surprised myself by how well I did," said Dr. Evans, who will be heading to Pennsylvania with her husband to participate in a rotating internship at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"In the beginning I was so nervous I would do poorly and would have to struggle just to keep my head above water," stated Dr. Evans, who will be pursuing a dual residency in internal medicine and pediatrics while Dan, her D.O. husband, tackles a career in neurology. "And then I started to realize that when you truly love something—and you finally make the decision to do it with your heart in the right place—then it does become easy because you're doing it for the right reasons. The College of Osteopathic Medicine gave me this incredible opportunity to pursue something I truly wanted to do. And for that I am eternally grateful."



Dr. Evans (bottom left) with NSU-COM faculty and students at the ACOFP convention in San Diego.

Student Achievement Applauded at Senior Awards Dinner

On May 26, a celebratory mix of students, family members, and notable representatives from various sectors of the osteopathic profession and the Health Professions Division converged on the Signature Grand in Davie to participate in the NSU-COM Senior Awards Dinner Dance. During the evening's festivities, the following awards were presented:



Morton and Mary Smith Achievement Award

Presented to the student exhibiting the highest quality of service and leadership, combined with scholarship, integrity, and personal worth.

Recipient: Tracy Favreau, D.O.

Presenter: A. Alvin Greber, D.O.



Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award

Presented to the graduate who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in emergency medicine as selected by the faculty of NSU-COM.

Recipient: Sarah Kitazono-Heringer, D.O.

Presenter: Myron Howell, D.O.



Matthew A. Terry, D.O. Memorial Award

Presented to the student chosen by his or her peers as the exemplary osteopathic medical student.

Recipient: Jennifer Berger, D.O.



Albert L. Weiner, D.O. Memorial Psychiatry Award

Presented in memory of Dr. Weiner to the student achieving the greatest proficiency in psychiatry.

Recipient: Susanna Chyu, D.O.

Presenter: Daniel Shaw, Ph.D.



Rose Community Service Award

Presented to a student who demonstrates sincere interest in community service or community projects.

Recipient: Beth Evans, D.O.

Presenter: Steven Zucker, D.M.D.



Clinical Service Award

Presented to the student judged to be outstanding in clinical service.

Recipient: Chava Frankl, D.O.

Presenter: Joseph DeGaetano, D.O.



Morton and Geraldine Terry Internal Medicine Award

Presented to the student for the highest achievement in the study of internal medicine, both academic and clinical.

Recipient: Susanna Chyu, D.O.



Dean's Community Award

Awarded to that member of the graduating class who, by personal and professional conduct, and by contributions to the student affairs and to the general program of NSU-COM, has been deemed worthy of special citation as a recipient of the Dean's Community Award.

Recipients: Uri Goldberg, D.O.

(not pictured: Vincent Apicella, D.O.)

Presenter: Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O.



Alumni Association Award

Presented to the student who, by his/her leadership, has done the most to maintain the cohesiveness, unity, and esprit de corps within his/her class for all four years of his/her osteopathic medical education.

Recipient: Crystal Zalonis, D.O.

Presenter: Howard Neer, D.O.



Florida Chapter, American Academy of Osteopathy Award in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

Presented to the student who, in the opinion of the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice, has achieved the highest proficiency in osteopathic therapeutics.

Recipient: Marc Kaprow, D.O.

Presenter: Michael Patterson, Ph.D.



Dean's Award

Presented for academic excellence to the student graduating with the highest scholastic achievement.

Recipient: Susanna Chyu, D.O.

Presenter: Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O.



Osteopathic Principles and Practice Fellowship Certificates

Recipients: Randall Adolph, D.O.; Arthur Olyai, D.O.; John Staszal, D.O.; and Marc Kaprow, D.O.

(not pictured): Jenifer Eimmermann, D.O.

Presenter: Mark Sandhouse, D.O.
(back row center)



Dean's Organizational Award

Presented to the senior who demonstrated organizational skills and leadership and received recognition from his/her peers during a productive academic career.

Recipients: Eric Handler, D.O., and Mariaclara Bago, D.O. (not pictured)

Presenter: Larry Newbree, M.S.



Chancellor's Award

Presented to the student who best exemplifies the characteristics of a fine osteopathic physician – a combination of scholarship, leadership, integrity, humanity, and loyalty to the profession.

Recipient: Ana Isabel Gonzalez, D.O.

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Golden Apple Awards

Presented by the class of 2001 to the faculty and staff members deemed most outstanding by the graduating class.

Recipients: Larry Newbree, M.S.; Cyril Blavo, D.O.; and Lori Dribin, Ph.D.

Presenter: Crystal Zalonis, D.O., class of 2001 president



Samuel J. Salzman, D.O. Award in Family Medicine

Presented by the Florida Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians to the student whose scholarship, patient empathy, dedication, concern, and goals epitomize the osteopathic family physician, as exemplified by the late Samuel J. Salzman, D.O.

Recipient: Beth Evans, D.O.

Presenters: Glenn Moran, D.O., and Ronnie Martin, D.O.



Donna Jones Moritsugu Award

This award was established in memory of Donna Jones Moritsugu, who was killed in an auto accident in October 1992. She was the wife of Dr. Kenneth P. Moritsugu, assistant surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service. Dr. Moritsugu has been a colleague and friend of the osteopathic profession for many years.

Recipient: Jason Mahood

Presenter: Leonard Levy, D.P.M.



Outstanding Senior Awards

The recipients of this award have demonstrated strong clinical skills and have received top clinical grades during their rotations.

Recipients: Crystal Zalonis, D.O ; Chava Frankl, D.O.; Susan Benjamin, D.O.; and Gina Ramirez-Chan, D.O.

(not pictured): Roger Clark, D.O.; Mark Gwynne, D.O.; and Benjamin Wallisch, D.O.

Presenter: Lawrence Jacobson, D.O., with recipient **Daniel Chehebar, D.O.**

NSU-COM Class of 2001 Graduates

Randall H. Adolph of Tamarac, Florida
 Kayvan Amini of Boca Raton, Florida
 Vincent Michael Apicella of West Palm Beach, Florida
 Mohammad J. Arshad of Millsboro, Delaware
 Mariaclara Ecora Bago of Jacksonville, Florida
 Julie Lynn Barone of La Jolla, California
 Lynora Curtis Bassett of Davie, Florida
 Raymond Bradley Bedgood of Macon, Georgia
 Réza Behrouz of Largo, Florida
 Christy Anne Beneri of Levittown, New York
 Jennifer Berger of Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 William Forest Beringer of Bowdon, Georgia
 *Michael Evan Bilenker of Manalapan, New Jersey
 Leslie Ann Blum of Bakersfield, California
 Scott Christopher Bruno of Pembroke Pines, Florida
 **Yvette Claire Bushéy of Jensen Beach, Florida
 Jeffrey David Bushnell of Palm City, Florida
 Gina Christine Chan of Clearwater, Florida
 Daniel M. Chehebar of Hallandale, Florida
 Clint Farrin Christensen of Davie, Florida
 **Susanna Chyu of New Hyde Park, New York
 Roger Patrick Clark of Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Douglas Dixon Clarke of Bel Air, Maryland
 Angela Frances D'Alessandro-Hamm of Fort Myers, Florida
 Elisa Denise DePani of Miami, Florida
 Elaine Diaz of Miami, Florida
 Christopher DiDonato of Hollywood, Florida
 Chris Diran Donikyan of Englewood, New Jersey
 Christopher Raymond Durando of Geneva, Florida
 Hessam S. Eftekhari of Miami, Florida
 Jenifer Mary Eimmerman of Plantation, Florida
 Bradley Alan Eisenberg of North Miami Beach
 Merrick David Elias of Mount Sinai, New York
 *Beth Ann Evans of Palm City, Florida
 Stephanie Aurelia Fabiani of Albuquerque, New Mexico
 Tracy A. Favreau of Hallandale, Florida
 Francisco Rene Fernandez of Miami, Florida
 Nicole Renee Feuer of Wellington, Florida

Lara Jacqueline Fix of Plantation, Florida
 **Chava Eleanor Frankl of Weston, Florida
 Keith Evan Frazer of Ormond Beach, Florida
 Brian Alexander Geller of Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Nicholas Gary Gertz of Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Adam Jeffrey Getzels of Coral Springs, Florida
 Joseph Eli Ghahhari of Silver Spring, Maryland
 Carrie May Giordano of Hollywood, Florida
 Uri Z. Goldberg of Littleton, Colorado
 Orlando Gómez of Sunny Isles Beach, Florida
 Ana Isabel González of Miami, Florida
 *Yuly Gorodisky of Sunny Isles, Florida
 Jason Bradley Green of Aventura, Florida
 Shannon Scott Greer of Orlando, Florida
 Francisco Javier Gutierrez of Miami, Florida
 *Mark David Gwynne of Hollywood, Florida
 Edward William Hamilton, Jr. of Alachua, Florida
 *Eric T. Handler of Sunrise, Florida
 Faye Naomi Hant of Coral Springs, Florida
 David William Haynes of Colorado Springs, Colorado
 Sarah Jean-Kitazono Heringer of Clarksburg, California
 Mayrene Hernandez of Weston, Florida
 **Matt Hesh of Miramar, Florida
 Amy Beth Hessler of Tampa, Florida
 Kevin Jensen Hohnwald of Sarasota, Florida
 Todd Eric Horowitz of Aventura, Florida
 Alison Jane Howard of Largo, Florida
 **James Jen-Je Hsiao of Davie, Florida
 Jim Chih-Meng Huang of Williamsville, New York
 Ilda Jaqueline Isaza of Plantation, Florida
 Audrey Elaine Jain of Winter Haven, Florida
 *Dexter Manuel Jain of Winter Haven, Florida
 **Jeff Kent Johnson of Orland Park, Illinois
 Mukti Bhatia Kanji of Alexandria, Virginia
 Marc Gordon Kaprow of Newport, Rhode Island
 *Yasmin A. Kazi of Davie, Florida
 Jason Douglas Keller of Davie, Florida
 Blake Lee Kendall of Deerfield Beach, Florida

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Mukarram Ali Khan of Columbus, Ohio
 Yasmin N. Khan of New York, New York
 Blake Lee Kendall of Deerfield Beach, Florida
 David D. Kern of Oldsmar, Florida
 Aaron Leb Klein of Boca Raton, Florida
 Matthew Wade Korn of Miami, Florida
 Boris Michael Krivitsky of Metairie, Louisiana
 Kathryn Michele Lawson of Kanab, Utah
 Phuong-Truc Minh Le of Miami, Florida
 *Jared Michael Lechtenstein of Weston, Florida
 Susan Erica Lechtenstein of Weston, Florida
 Marisa Lejkowski of Palm Harbor, Florida
 *Jill E. Lezaic of Warren, Ohio
 **Michael John Ligotti of Plantation, Florida
 J. Daane Logsdon of Washington, Connecticut
 Patrick Scott Lovegrove of Aventura, Florida
 Heather Marie Lutz of Sunrise, Florida
 John David Machado of Orlando, Florida
 **Karen Elizabeth Peeples Mahood of Oviedo, Florida
 Anthony Aristide Marchese of West Orange, New Jersey
 Bradley Arthur Marcus of Coral Springs, Florida
 Michael Yorke McCown of Bridgeton, Missouri
 Hugar D. McNamee of Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 *John Paul Minni of Fort Myers, Florida
 Stephen Mark Mitchell of Gulfport, Florida
 Dan Dinh Nguyen of Arlington, Texas
 Quan Anh Nguyen of Orlando, Florida
 Chhavi Vig Noohani of Auburn, Alabama
 Tariq Sulman Noohani of Auburn, Alabama
 Dean Eric Nottingham of Yonkers, New York
 Karen Mary O'Donnell-Wear of Springfield, Pennsylvania
 Arthur Amin Olyai of Potomac, Maryland
 Alexander Todd Owens of Margate, Florida
 Frank Joseph Paiano of Coconut Creek, Florida
 Maribel V. Palacios of St. Petersburg, Florida
 Blaine Baker Payne of Weston, Florida
 Joseph Richard Perez-Perez of Miami, Florida
 Raena Marie Pettitt of Charlottesville, Virginia
 Ginger Lin Pole of Coral Springs, Florida
 Pamela Lynn Rabiner of White Plains, New York

Inciya Rangwalla of Hamilton Square, New Jersey
 Christopher Allan Reed of Tampa, Florida
 *Rohan Raju Rengen of Baltimore, Maryland
 Steven Jason Resnick of Miami Beach, Florida
 Eunice N. Rhee of Wilmette, Illinois
 Michael Xavier Rohan, Jr. of Panama City, Florida
 Mustafa Akberali Salehmohamed of Davie, Florida
 Roniel Mallorca Santos of Bensalem, Pennsylvania
 *Laurie Ann Schedgick of Menasha, Wisconsin
 Charlene Monica Scheim of Hollywood, Florida
 Cheryl Lee Sellers of Belleair Bluffs, Florida
 Shelby Brooke Shamas of St. Petersburg, Florida
 Julia Katherine Shipman of Weston, Florida
 Deeptaz Kaur Sibia of Boca Raton, Florida
 *Harold Andrew Sloas, III of Winter Springs, Florida
 *Matthew Patrick Smith of Coral Springs, Florida
 Justin Scott Sparkes of Edmond, Oklahoma
 Holly Christian Sparks of Weston, Florida
 John Staszal of Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 Ali Tabrizchi of Chevy Chase, Maryland
 Ashish Kishore Tolia of Winter Springs, Florida
 Gretel Trullenque of Miami Beach, Florida
 Vince Irving Truong of Davie, Florida
 George Tsiotsias of North Miami Beach, Florida
 Christopher David Van Smith of Miami, Florida
 Tina Theresa Varkey of Fremont, California
 Benjamin John Wallisch of Colorado Springs, Colorado
 Steven Carl Watry of Parkland, Florida
 Gregory Lowell Whitaker of San Dimas, California
 Darice Tara Wiegel of Pembroke Pines, Florida
 Jonathan Paul Wilson of Winston-Salem, North Carolina
 Edward Francis Wolek of Lake Worth, Florida
 Richard Wyman Yee of Oakland, California
 Crystal Ann Zalonis of Lancaster, Pennsylvania
 *Jason Adam Zell of Goleta, California
 Norbert Paul Zemankiewicz of Clearwater, Florida

***Graduated with honors**

****Graduated with highest honors**

Graduating Residents Honored at Dinner Ceremony

On June 29, NSU-COM coordinated its annual Family Medicine and Dermatology Residency Program Graduation Dinner Dance at the Rolling Hills Hotel and Resort in Davie, Florida. Twenty-three osteopathic physicians were honored for successfully completing their residencies at Palmetto General Hospital and the North Broward Hospital District. During the festivities, the Outstanding Resident of the Year Award was presented to:

- Lorie Dowie, D.O. (Palmetto General Hospital)
- Glen Waskin, D.O. (North Broward Hospital District)

Following are the graduates from the Palmetto General and North Broward Hospital District residency programs:

Palmetto General Hospital-Family Medicine

Roselind Bardisa, D.O.
Lorie Dowie, D.O.
Todd Glassman, D.O.
Rachael Gross, D.O.
John Hirt, D.O. (chief resident)
Daren Levy, D.O.
Daniel McIntire, D.O.
Sonia Melwani, D.O.
Ralph Ortiz, D.O.
Ivan Rodriguez, D.O.
Meredith Schweitzer, D.O.
Angela Wall, D.O.

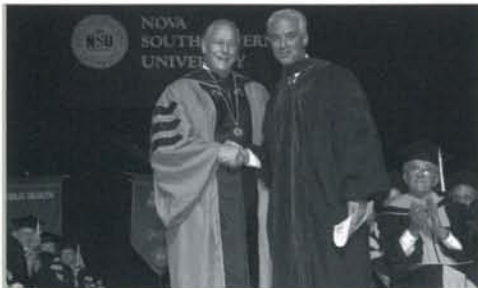
North Broward Hospital District-Family Medicine

Ambreen Alam, D.O.
Zehra Cumber, D.O.
Craig Depodesta, D.O. (chief resident)
Patrick Fullerton, D.O.
Chris Olenek, D.O.
Edward Schwartz, D.O. (chief resident)
Scott Silverstein, D.O.
Jason Zannis, D.O.
Glen Waskin, D.O.

North Broward Hospital District-Dermatology

Gregg Wilentz, D.O.
Shani Studnik, D.O. (chief resident)

NSU-COM Graduates Record Number of D.O.s



President Ferrero warmly greets Florida Education Commissioner Charlie Crist while HPD Vice Provost Stanley Cohen, Ed.D., applauds from his seat.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine led the way once again as it awarded a record 152 D.O. degrees during the NSU Health Professions Division Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 27 at the National Car Rental Center in Sunrise, Florida. During the ceremony, 512 proud NSU Health Professions Division graduates received their diplomas in front of an audience of 5,000 filled with family, friends, and faculty.

Florida Education Commissioner Charlie Crist, who received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., J.D., delivered a stirring commencement address which concluded with the

caveat, "Be kind, be gracious, be humble, and be good."



Dr. Silvagni imparts some words of wisdom to the graduates as NSU President Ray Ferrero prepares for his next speaker introduction.



Graduation Dinner Attracts Eclectic Crowd

An array of dignitaries and NSU-COM staff and faculty members were on hand to celebrate the achievements of the class of 2001 at the NSU-COM Senior Awards Dinner Dance, which was held May 26 at the Signature Grand in Davie, Florida. Pictured below is a gallery of photos from the awards banquet.



Sherri Levine, president, Auxiliary to the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF); David Levine, D.O.; Shirley Radnothy; Louis Radnothy, D.O., president, ACOFP; Geraldine Terry; and Morton Terry, D.O., chancellor, Health Professions Division.



Anthony J. Silvagni, D.O., Pharm.D., dean, NSU-COM; Dianna Silvagni, J.D.; Fred Lippman, B.Sc., R.Ph., executive vice chancellor and provost, Health Professions Division; Judy Lippman; Sandy Seltzer; and Paul D. Seltzer, D.O., president, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association.



Lawrence Jacobson, D.O., professor and associate dean for medical education; Lori Dribin, Ph.D., College of Medical Sciences; Stanley Simpson, D.O., associate professor, Department of Family Medicine; Mary Kollias-Greber, Psy.D.; A. Alvin Greber, D.O., professor and chair, Department of Internal Medicine; and Loretta Jacobson.



James Howell, M.D., M.P.H., professor and chair, Department of Rural Medicine; Marie Gottfried; Debra Cohn Steinkohl, M.H.S.A., administrative director, Interdisciplinary Generalist Curriculum Program; Ronnie Oller; Robert Oller, D.O., chief executive officer, NSU Health Care Centers; Donna Howell; and Myron Howell, D.O., director of medical education and program director of the NSU-COM family medicine residency at the North Broward Hospital District.



Several faculty members showcased their dancing abilities during the festivities. The talented hoofers included Eleanore and Leonard A. Levy, D.P.M., M.P.H., professor and associate dean, Office of Education, Planning, and Research, and the dynamic duo of Elisa Ginter, D.O., and Ronnie Martin, D.O. Dr. Ginter is an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine; Dr. Martin serves as professor and chair of the Department of Family Medicine.



(clockwise from left)
Scott Colton, director of education communications; Dean Silvagni; Johneta Goodwin, executive assistant to the dean; Glenn Moran, D.O., treasurer, NSU-COM Alumni Association Executive Committee; Valerie Moran; and Dianna Silvagni, J.D.

STAFF SNAPSHOT



Getting to Know: Dominique Esposito

Assistant to Dr. Anthony J. Silvagni
Office of the Dean

DATE OF HIRE:

I have worked at NSU-COM for almost five years. I was hired on August 15, 1996, which means I have worked here exactly 4 years, 11 months, 29 days, 7 hours, 35 minutes, 15 seconds, and counting...

OFFICIAL NSU-COM RESPONSIBILITIES:

I assist Dean Silvagni by coordinating travel arrangements for him as well as potential faculty members. I answer Dr. Silvagni's telephone calls, schedule his appointments, type correspondence, oversee time sheets for support staff, order office supplies, and assist NSU-COM faculty, staff, and students whenever the need arises.

I ENJOY WORKING WITH DEAN SILVAGNI BECAUSE:

To put it plainly, he's fun, interesting, and always keeps me on my toes. Plus, I have met a lot of nice people through working with him.

WHAT DID YOU DO PROFESSIONALLY BEFORE JOINING THE NSU-COM STAFF?

Before I came to NSU, I worked at a personnel agency in Kendall as the president's personal assistant. Before that, I worked as a purchasing coordinator at an interior design firm in Coral Gables.

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:

Performed the triple Lundy with a full twist on the high dive board (just joking).

MY COWORKERS WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT:

I am an avid fan of *This Old House* and other home improvement shows. I really enjoy sleeping in on the weekends, but I always set my alarm on Sunday to catch *This Old House*. If I'm unable to watch it at its regularly scheduled time, I have my brother, who's also a big fan, tape it for me.

FAVORITE WAY TO UNWIND WHEN NOT AT WORK:

I enjoy antique and thrift shopping. It's amazing what you can discover at a thrift store. I also enjoy refinishing furniture and decorating.

IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD:

Travel the world, purchase a home(s) and some toys (boat, car, etc.), donate to a few local charities, get more involved as a volunteer, start and run my own antique/furniture store, and share my wealth by spoiling my family and friends.

WHERE I HOPE TO BE IN FIVE YEARS:

In five years I hope to be finished with school, married, starting a family, and working...all in that order!

THREE WORDS THAT BEST DESCRIBE ME:

Chatty, spontaneous, and outgoing.





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